

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, July 10, 2019
SCLEA Office, Santa Rosa – 1 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Carol Bauer, Ed Clites, Cora Guy, Patty Hamley, Lou Maricle, Bill Robotka, Alix Shor, Phyris Tobler, and Kathy Young.

Board Members Absent: Shaun DuFosee and Wendie Cooper (Wendie emailed us today that she will be unable to continue on the Board at this time and unable to work on the CRCEA Conference.)

Guest: Steve Pettee, Pacific Group Agencies, Inc.

The Meeting was called to order by President Alix Shor.

1. Minutes: It was moved by Carol, seconded by Lou, and agreed by all that the Minutes of the May 1, 2019 Board Meeting and May 28, 2019 Membership Meeting are approved.

2. Pacific Group Agencies Insurance: Steve Pettee of Pacific Group Agencies distributed a Benefits Guide prepared for Retired Public Employees of San Joaquin County as a sample of what insurance policies his company can offer to SCARE members, including dental, personal accident, vision, ID shield, legal shield, travel, pet insurance, life insurance, hearing, home, and auto. Steve suggests that offering these policies to non-SCARE members, as well as SCARE members, would be a good way of recruiting more retirees to join SCARE.

Steve will be hosting a Hospitality Reception Monday and Tuesday evenings at our CRCEA Conference in October at the Doubletree Hotel.

3. Treasurer's Report: Bill distributed the May and June Financial Statements to the Board Members. He received a thank you note from Sonoma State for our \$4,000 donation to their Scholarship Fund.

4. CRCEA Conference Planning: Carol Bauer reported on the plans for Sonoma County's October 28-30 CRCEA Fall Conference and distributed a revised budget and a Food and Beverage proposal. Kathy Young is Co-Chairing the conference with Carol. She will be purchasing \$400 in gift cards to distribute to attendees. Phyris is posting CRCEA Conference materials on our website.

5. CARA (California Alliance for Retired Americans) Convention: Bill expressed an interest in attending the convention on October 22 and 23, 2019, in Sacramento. He would also like to purchase a half-page ad in their program saying, "SCARE proudly congratulations CARA" or something to that effect. The ad would cost \$300.

It was moved by Ed, seconded by Lou, and approved by all that Bill attend the convention and purchase the ad.

- 6. SCERA:** SCERA prepared an agreement regarding their existing services to us which will continue at no charge. If we ask for additional services, we are willing to pay for staff time, mailing, etc.
- 7. Pacific Group Insurance:** There was a discussion about the insurance being offered by Pacific Group and Steve Pettee. Open enrollment could be in October for our members and in April for non-members. We would not be endorsing the insurance but making it available. It could be a benefit. The contract would be the same they have with other counties. Bill, Alix, and Phyris will meet to discuss this further and bring recommendation back to the Board.
- 8. SEIU Proposal to do Joint Presentation on Possible Attacks on Pensions:** Chip Atkins sent a memo to Alix requesting SCARE's assistance in putting on a presentation regarding pensions and the Independent Citizen's Pension Committee (ICPC). It is unclear who this presentation would be for. Alix will let Chip know that we are too busy right now getting ready for our CRCEA Conference in October.
- 9. Independent Citizen's Pension Committee (ICPC):** Bill reported they will be meeting tomorrow and preparing an annual report to the Board of Supervisors.
- 10. SCCLO Report:** Bill reported they will meet on Saturday. Most departments have settled with the County.
- 11. JLMBC Report:** Bill reported the OPEB Report was released. The OPEB liability was reduced. The County would like to get rid of the County Health Plan, but there are still a lot of retirees in that plan.
- 12. Member Survey:** Ed distributed a revised Member Survey for the Board's review.
- 13. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, SCARE Secretary**

Upcoming Events:

August 27 – Membership Meeting – Steele Lane
*September 4 – Board Meeting
September 11 – Luncheon – Legends
October 27-30 – CRCEA Conference – Doubletree, Rohnert Park
November 6 – Board Meeting
November 19 – Membership Meeting – Steele Lane
December 11 – Luncheon – Legends

*Patty will not be attending this meeting, so another Board member will need to take the Minutes.